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NEWSLETTER

Updates for the parents of Woodpecker Hall and Cuckoo Hall Academy

We Love Reading

Over the past term, the staff at both Woodpecker and Cuckoo Hall have undergone extensive reading training to help our children become confident, life long readers.

We have seen improvements in the teaching of reading and children are loving their new reading books.

After school reading clubs have started and children are benefitting from the extra teaching. They are also loving the biscuits during the clubs.

Staff are also enjoying the new reading room which holds all of our new reading books.

Reading is the key to success for all of our children.

Please encourage your children to pick up a book and read at home each day.



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Covid-19 Update

Thank you to everyone in our community who continue to follow the schools' Covid-19 safety measures. Your support is helping us minimise the risk of infection across the schools.

Woodpecker School had to recently close for 14 days due to a lack of staff. When too many staff are self-isolating it becomes unsafe to remain open. Closing the school is always the last resort. Recently, we have had a few positive cases in Cuckoo Hall. However, this has only impacted a small number of staff and children .

Consequently, we are able to stay open and have been advised by Public Health England to remain open.

I appreciate that this is a challenging time for everyone but be reassured that the school is doing everything possible to keep your children safe whilst causing as little disruption as possible to children's learning.

Children In Need Success

A huge thank you to everyone at Cuckoo Hall who took part in our pyjama day to raise money for Children In Need.

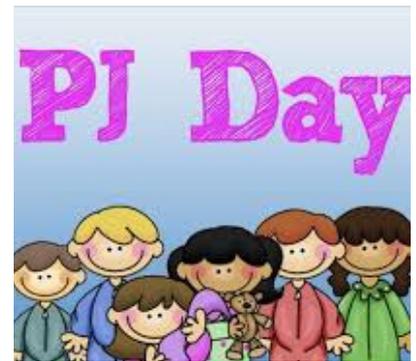
The children all looked very cosy and the staff felt a little bit sleepy throughout the day.

Thanks to your generosity we managed to raise a massive £726.00.



Woodpecker Hall Academy will have their PJ day for Children in Need on Friday 11th December.

Remember to bring in your £1 donation. I'm looking forward to seeing all of the Woodpecker team in their jammies on Friday.



On **Thursday 17th December** the children and staff will be sitting down to their school Christmas dinner. This is a lovely opportunity for us all to sit together and enjoy some delicious food.

On this day, we want children to come in wearing their Christmas or winter jumper. Children should bring in a £1 donation which will be donated to Save the Children.

Please do not go out and buy a new jumper. If you don't have a Christmas jumper or winter jumper just come in your normal clothes and bring in your £1 donation.

Christmas Arrives

Christmas finally arrived at both schools last week with the arrival of our enormous trees. The children loved decorating the trees and were very particular about the placement of the coloured baubles.

This year we have decided not to send Christmas cards to each other. If you wanted to do this you can donate to Children in Need instead. If you want to you can send in £1 donation with your child.



SCHOOL TIMES:

CLOSED: THURSDAY 17TH DECEMBER (NORMAL STAGGERED COLLECTION TIMES)

OPEN: TUESDAY 5TH JANUARY (NORMAL STAGGERED DROP OFF TIMES)